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1. FOLLOWING IS THE EXPLANATION OF THE LIBYAN DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING ON THE MIDEAST RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 26 OFFERED BY ONE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED LIBYAN DAILY, AL-JIHAD.

2. LIBYA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING, AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DRAFTING, OF "THIS COMIC RESOLUTION", SAYS AL-JIHAD, BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION DID NOT CALL FOR THE "ACHIEVEMENT OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO TOTAL LIBERATION OF ITS LAND AND RETURN TO IT, FREE, INDEPENDENT, AND SOVEREIGN." ANOTHER OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE OF THE RESOLUTION WAS ITS REFERENCE TO SECURE BORDERS FOR ALL STATES IN THE REGION "INCLUDING THE ZIONIST ENEMY", THE PAPER SAYS.

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3. COMMENT: THE LIBYAN DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING ALSO REFLECTS QADHAFI'S CONVICTION THAT

FORCE IS THE ONLY WAY TO "LIBERATE PALESTINE",
AND HIS GENERAL LACK OF REGARD FOR THE UN.
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